

L. I. - Rusk, Fisher Wed. May 26 '65.
DOMINICAN

Today came a French charge that American intervention in the Dominican Republic -- is a profound threat to world peace. The matter -- said France -- should have been left to the United Nations.

The U. S. reply -- from Secretary of State Dean Rusk in Washington, who notes that the nations of this hemisphere -- already have the situation well in hand. Adding, in effect -- mind your own business.

Meanwhile in Santo Domingo itself -- renewed optimism today -- that the Dominican crisis can be settled by discussion -- and not violence. Altho' a final solution-- maybe still a long way off. But six hundred U. S. Marines down there -- were reassigned today to the United States.

More to follow shortly.

VIET NAM

*In the Far East -- U.S. warplanes today
blasted communist targets -- in both North and South
Viet Nam. Radar installations, oil tanks, boats and
barracks -- all destroyed in a series of round-the-clock
air raids.*

*While at Sydney, Australia -- wartime
blackout regulations ^{were} in effect, ~~As~~ nine hundred Australian
fighting men -- embarked today aboard the aircraft
carrier Sydney; ~~They're~~ bound for Viet Nam -- ~~there~~ to
join the war against communism.*

VOTING

WEATHER

The Senate today voted overwhelming approval of the bipartisan voting rights bill. The final tally -- seventy-seven to nineteen.

The Senate bill goes next -- to the House.

Where it must be resolved with a stronger voting rights measure -- already approved by the House Judiciary

Committee. But final Congressional approval -- in one form or another ^{is} now virtually certain.

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The weather -- again in the news. Tornadoes -- a series of them -- ripping through Wisconsin, Missouri and Oklahoma. With twisters and violent thunderstorms reported in four other Midwestern states. Including one -- that pounded at the outskirts of Chicago.

A giant air cargo plane -- flipped over like a pancake -- on the runway at Chicago's O'Hare Airport -- the world's busiest air field. Luckily -- no one inside. But -- at least twenty-one persons injured -- in this latest spring weather spree. And a linesman killed today in Indiana -- while repairing storm damage.

ARABS

In Cairo today -- the first meeting of the Arab League -- since West Germany's recognition of Israel.

And the tenor of the meeting was set immediately by the chief Egyptian delegate. The West German action -- said he -- is all part of a Western "conspiracy -- to liquidate the Palestine question." He added that this -- "is a test of our dignity." And to an Arab -- dignity -- is important.

SPACE

Eight days in advance of America's most ambitious venture into space -- a somber warning today. Voiced by Dr. Edward C. Welsh -- executive secretary of the Federal space agency. At the Fifth National Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Space -- held in St. Louis.

Dr. Welsh made no mention of the American "spacewalk" -- planned for next week. But what he did say was this -- that the possibility of disaster -- is ever present in the American space program.

So far -- neither the United States nor Russia has ~~yet~~ lost an astronaut -- in an attempted space flight. At least -- as far as we know. Dr. Welsh warning, however, that we can "not expect our space program to proceed indefinitely -- without some tragedy".

WATERLOO

From Paris -- news today that President DeGaulle--
has vetoed French participation in British ceremonies
next month, marking the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary--
of the Battle of Waterloo -- that famous French defeat --
defeat of Napoleon -- by Wellington and Blucher.

Nevertheless, an unofficial delegation was proposed
today by one French official, to be headed by a descendant
of General Pierre Cambronne -- if one can be found. But this
offer -- the English are expected to decline.

Here's why. General Cambronne -- the man who led
the final French stand at Waterloo. Famous in French history--
because when the British demanded his surrender -- he replied
in a rather well-known four letter Anglo-Saxon word.

Kind of like our own General McAuliffe -- who
said "nuts" to the Germans at Bastogne. Only more so.

BILLBOARDS

True to his promise of yesterday -- President Johnson today asked Congress for legislation -- to ban billboards from federal highways. Also to ban auto junkyards -- from within a thousand feet of such highways. The President noting that advertising -- plays "an important and valuable" role in American life. "But it is neither in the interests of the advertising industry or the nation" -- said he -"to permit a further decrease of our dwindling natural beauty".

CLAY

CLAY - 2 Repercussions from that Liston-Clay fight in Lewiston, Maine -- reverberated today throughout the United States. And indeed -- throughout much of the world.

In Europe, in particular -- Clay's one-minute kayo -- described in terms ranging from "scandalous" -- to "fix". The London Evening News, for one -- called the heavyweight title bout -- a "sixty-second stinker". Even Izvestia termed the outcome -- "incomprehensible".

Back in this country, -- a Maine legislator demanded a state investigation of the fight. While in Washington -- an Illinois Congressman demanded a full Congressional investigation -- of professional boxing in general.

~~Resisting~~ Clay ^{today seemed} ~~apparently~~ unperturbed by it all. ~~For his part -- he held~~ ^{He} news ^{men at} ~~conference in~~ Auburn, Maine ~~and promptly~~ ^{he} reneged on a promise

CLAY - 2

that his next opponent would be Floyd Patterson -- the former heavyweight champ. He wants instead -- Canadian George Chuvalo -- the so-called "white hope" of boxing; for a bout next September -- in New York's Yankee Stadium.

Why New York? Because -- said Clay, with his usual modesty -- it's "the center of the world". The only city that deserves to see a fight -- "between such wonderful, fine fighters -- as me and Chuvalo", said he blithely as talk continues that his and Liston's Main fiasco may even lead, Dick, to the end of professional fighting which has hit an all-time low.

TRAVEL

A reverse twist, reported ~~today~~ to that government campaign urging American tourists to -- "See the U.S.A." The stay-at-home campaign -- launched as part of a drive -- to stem the flow of American dollars overseas. But according to an official of the American Automobile Association -- more U.S. tourists will be traveling abroad this year -- than ever before.

About a million-and-a-half American ^{overseas} travelers in all -- now expected to head for foreign ports-of-call in nineteen sixty-five. That's about fifteen per cent more than earlier predictions -- and about twenty per cent more than last year.